

Production Expenditures Up Slightly in 1999

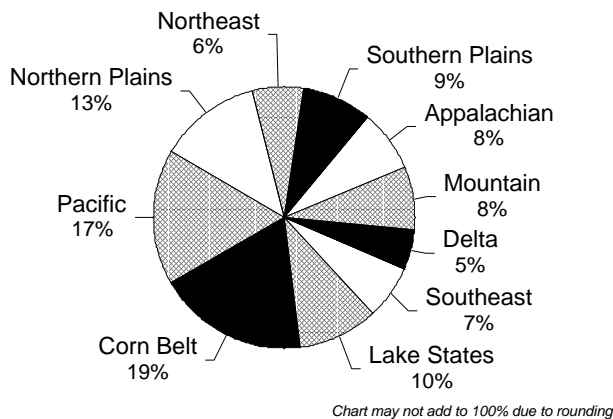
United States farm production expenditures totaled \$184.3 billion in 1999, up 0.6 percent from the revised 1998 total of \$183.2 billion. The largest contributors to the increase were; livestock and poultry purchases, up 15.9 percent; farm improvements and construction, up 10.1 percent; labor, up 3.7 percent; and farm supplies and repairs, up 3.3 percent. These increases were partially offset by decreases in; tractors and self-propelled machinery, down 10.0 percent; rent, down 8.1 percent; and fertilizer, down 6.6 percent. The largest two expenditure categories were farm services which accounted for 13.9 percent of the U.S. total production expenses, and feed which accounted for 13.3 percent of the U.S. total production expenses. The farm services category includes expense items such as custom work, utilities, marketing charges, veterinary services, transportation costs, and miscellaneous business expenses.

The average expenditures per U.S. farm in 1999 were \$84,209 compared to \$83,810, as revised for 1998. On the

average, U.S. farm operations in 1999 spent \$11,746 on farm services; \$11,197 on feed; \$9,004 on labor; \$7,678 for livestock and poultry purchases; and \$7,267 on rent. Revised estimates for 1998 indicated that U.S. farms spent an average of \$11,440 on farm services; \$11,440 on feed; \$8,694 on labor; \$6,635 for livestock and poultry purchases; and \$7,917 on rent.

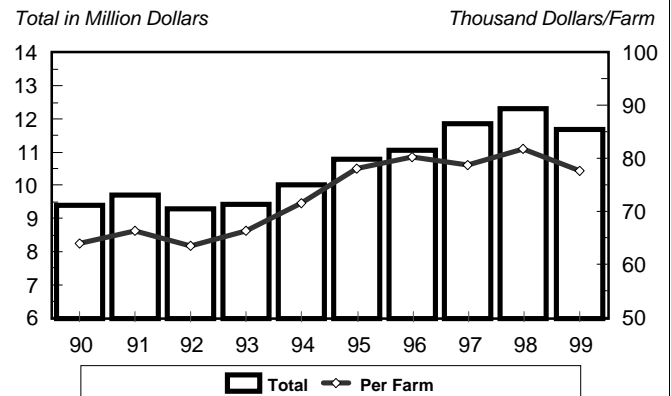
The Northeast Farm Production Region (*New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware*) contributed \$11.7 billion or 6.3 percent of the 1999 U.S. total for farm production expenditures. The regions with the highest total expenditures were: the Corn Belt (IL, IN, IA, MO, OH) at \$34.4 billion; Pacific Region (CA, OR, WA) at \$30.9 billion; Northern Plains (KS, NE, ND, SD) at \$23.2 billion; Lake States (MI, MN, WI) at \$18.3 billion; and the Southern Plains (OK, TX) at \$15.9 billion.

Percent of Total U.S. Expenditures - 1999
By Farm Production Region



Northeast Farm Production Expenditures

Total & Average Per Farm, 1990 - 1999



Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

Lake States: MI, MN, WI

Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH

Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD

Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV

Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC

Delta States: AR, LA, MS

Southern Plains: OK, TX

Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY

Pacific: CA, OR, WA

**FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: Major Input Items, Average per Farm and Total,
Northeast ^{13/} and United States ^{1/}, 1998 - 1999**

Expenditure - Farm Share	Farms Reporting ^{11/}		Average per Farm ^{12/}		Total Expenditure	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars	
NORTHEAST ^{13/}						
Total Farm Production Expenditures ^{2/ 3/}	100.0	100.0	81,836	77,748	12,300	11,670
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ^{4/}	34.5	27.5	4,225	4,131	635	620
Feed	65.8	54.2	16,301	14,990	2,450	2,250
Farm Services ^{5/}	91.6	96.1	11,510	11,792	1,730	1,770
Rent ^{6/}	30.5	31.6	2,129	1,732	320	260
Agricultural Chemicals ^{7/}	53.2	53.5	2,129	1,932	320	290
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ^{7/}	68.8	73.1	2,794	2,632	420	395
Interest	41.5	40.4	3,992	3,764	600	565
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.9	98.0	4,158	4,064	625	610
Labor	34.5	37.0	11,111	10,326	1,670	1,550
Fuels	90.4	91.0	2,242	2,232	337	335
Farm Supplies & Repairs ^{8/}	90.6	94.1	6,986	6,729	1,050	1,010
Farm Improvements & Construction ^{9/}	58.2	57.3	4,657	4,464	700	670
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	14.8	15.0	2,255	2,032	339	305
Other Farm Machinery	29.3	28.5	2,063	2,132	310	320
Seeds & Plants ^{10/}	63.3	54.0	3,360	2,898	505	435
Trucks & Autos	15.0	15.6	1,730	1,666	260	250
UNITED STATES ^{1/}						
Total Farm Production Expenditures ^{2/ 3/}	100.0	100.0	83,810	84,209	183,150	184,250
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ^{4/}	29.8	30.8	6,635	7,678	14,500	16,800
Feed	66.6	63.0	11,440	11,197	25,000	24,500
Farm Services ^{5/}	96.2	97.2	11,440	11,746	25,000	25,700
Rent ^{6/}	36.4	35.5	7,917	7,267	17,300	15,900
Agricultural Chemicals ^{7/}	57.3	54.2	4,118	3,931	9,000	8,600
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ^{7/}	64.9	65.0	4,851	4,525	10,600	9,900
Interest	48.2	46.2	4,942	4,890	10,800	10,700
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.2	98.1	3,112	3,108	6,800	6,800
Labor	40.5	37.3	8,694	9,004	19,000	19,700
Fuels	86.3	85.1	2,471	2,514	5,400	5,500
Farm Supplies & Repairs ^{8/}	88.5	88.6	5,583	5,759	12,200	12,600
Farm Improvements & Construction ^{9/}	51.9	50.6	2,952	3,245	6,450	7,100
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	14.5	13.8	2,746	2,468	6,000	5,400
Other Farm Machinery	23.0	22.9	1,624	1,600	3,550	3,500
Seeds & Plants ^{10/}	54.5	51.2	3,295	3,291	7,200	7,200
Trucks & Autos	17.7	16.7	1,830	1,782	4,000	3,900

^{1/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii. ^{2/} Total includes production costs not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published.

^{3/} Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ^{4/} Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ^{5/} Includes all crop custom work, veterinary services, custom feeding, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ^{6/} Includes public and private grazing fees. ^{7/} Includes material and application costs. ^{8/} Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ^{9/} Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings and fences and any improvements to physical structures or land. ^{10/} Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment. ^{11/} Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms. ^{12/} Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. ^{13/} Consists of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.